Vegetables & Fruits

Crop	Total
Sweet Potato	1
Elephant foot yam	1
Potato	8
Tomato	5
Brinjal	2
Chilli	4
French bean	1
Palak	1
Onion	2
Watermelon	1
Mushroom	5
Sapota	1
Banana	4
Mango	3
Pomegranate	2
Guava	4
Papaya	1
Annona	1
Grape	1

Thrashing and robbing of students in Amroha Shuttle at Dasna Railway Station

*39. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that daily passengers and their associates held up Delhi-Amroha shuttle for about an hour on 10th September, 2007 at Dasna Railway Station in U.P. and thrashed and robbed students and teachers of Amroha college who were travelling by that train;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into, particularly with regard to inaction of the Railway Police personnel travelling in that train and the conduct of the local Station Master who did not call the police in time; and

(c) if so, the details of the findings of inquiry and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. On 10.09.2007 at about 20.25 hrs. daily passengers and their associates held up Delhi-Amroha 2 NDB passenger train at Dasna Railway Station over Ghaziabad-Hapur section in Uttar Pradesh State and thrashed and beaten the students and teachers of American Institute of English Language, Amroha, who were travelling in the same train. The daily passengers were teasing the girl students in the train, which reportedly led to the above clash between daily passengers and students/teachers of American Institute of Amroha.

(b) No, Sir. Inaction on part of Government Railway Police escort party or the local Station Master was not observed; hence no enquiry was conducted in this aspect.

(c) Government Railway Police/Ghaziabad has registered a case *vide* crime No. 108/07 under sections 147, 149, 323, 504, 332, 336 of the Indian Penal Code and 7 of the Criminal Law

Amendment Act on 11.9.2007 against Md. Umar @ Shahnawaj, Sonu, Mamma @ Md. Ahmad, Rashid, Raju @ Taj Mohammad, Irshad, Sharif and others.

Encephalitis in Uttar Pradesh

*40. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates for the deaths due to encephalitis in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and the adjoining regions for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have declared it as an epidemic and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and the State Governments to contain and mitigate the recurrent outbreak of encephalitis in certain areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is an outbreak prone viral infection having cyclic trend with seasonal phenomenon. Children below 15 years are mostly affected. As per the report received from the State health authorities, the number of cases and deaths due to JE in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal during 2005, 2006 and 2007 (till 02-11-07) are as under:

State-wise cases and deaths due to suspected JE

State	2005		2006		2007 (Prov. up to 02.11.2007)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Uttar Pradesh	6061	1500	2320	528	2445*	472*
Bihar	192	64	21	3	0	0
West Bengal	12	6	0	0	0	0

*Includes 263 cases and 49 deaths from Bihar and 16 cases and 4 deaths from Nepal.

Government has not declared it as an epidemic as the number of deaths is lesser as compared to last year. However, there is a marginal increase in the number of AES/JE cases as compared to 2006 but much less than 2005.

The following steps have been taken by the Central Government to contain and mitigate the recurrent outbreak of JE.

Advisories have been sent alongwith standard guidelines/protocols on AES/JE cases management to the State Government. Rapid Response Teams have been formed at Districts level and have been trained. A Vector Borne Disease Surveillance Unit has also been established at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur with financial support from Government of India for field visits and for strengthening of surveillance activities.

To strengthen the Department of Microbiology in B.R.D. Medical College, Gorakhpur, one Microbiologist and one Lab Technician have been appointed out of Government of India funds.